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Lebanon-Israel Talks

Qiryat Shemona Talks -- The second round of talks opened in Qiryat Shemona, Beirut radio reported. Although Beirut radio noted that Israel continues to be "vehement" on the normalization of relations while Lebanon insists on the withdrawal issue, Jerusalem radio declared that Beirut and Jerusalem have decided to give the talks "a chance." If progress is made during the 30 December talks, deliberations will be continued at Qiryat Shemona on 31 December, Jerusalem radio revealed.

Prior to attending the second session, the Lebanese delegation met with President Amin al-Jumayyil and other government officials as well as U.S. envoy Morris Draper to discuss efforts being made to agree on an agenda, Beirut radio reported.

The Israeli delegation was expected to hold similar discussions with Prime Minister Menahem Begin, according to the Tel Aviv daily DAVAR. An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman strongly denied reports that any decision had been made to make Israel's position on normalization more flexible, Jerusalem television reported.

Arab Support -- Lebanon is not willing to deviate from the Arab world's consensus by signing a written agreement on relations with Israel, Jerusalem radio pointed out. Lebanon wants Arab support and its firm stand at the negotiations is intended to notify Israel of Lebanon's concern for its position in the Arab world as well as its concern for domestic unity, according to Beirut radio reports. The Lebanese Cabinet has sent three parliamentary delegations to various Arab capitals to explain the issues concerning the Lebanese situation, Beirut radio reported.

Security Situation -- There was renewed tension in the Tripoli area, Beirut radio reported. A committee met in the north on 29 December to discuss methods of preventing further deterioration and sent committee representatives to the areas of the clashes to try to calm the situation, Ihdin Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon reported. Beirut radio reported that the situation was generally improved on 30 December.

The Progressive Socialist Party accused Phalangist gunmen of killing seven people near Kafr Matta, the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio reported.

PLO Affairs

'Arafat Interview -- PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat declared that there should be a committed Arab position toward Egypt because Egypt shoulders a huge responsibility in building Arab strength, MENA reported citing an interview with the Cairo weekly magazine AL-MUSAWWAR. The PLO leader urged Egypt to take a dramatic step that would restore the Arabs' "psychological equilibrium." Asserting that he will never forget Egypt's compassion toward the Palestinians during the siege of Beirut, 'Arafat denied that his visit to Egypt is dependent on prior conditions.

Syrian Meetings -- A Palestinian delegation led by Palestine National Council Chairman Khalid al-Fahum began a series of meetings with Syrian leaders to discuss developments in the Middle East, according to Aden Voice of Palestine radio.

Afghanistan

Afghan guerrillas were reportedly assisted by Soviet guards during a recent successful attack on an airfield in Afghanistan, the BCC World Service reported. The guerrillas claim they have been gaining support from the guards, who are said to be from the predominantly Muslim republic of Uzbekistan, the radio added.

Iran-Iraq War

The Islamic Good Offices Committee recently announced an "improved" initiative to solve the Iran-Iraq dispute and the plan is "about to achieve results" that would ensure both countries' acceptance, Riyadh radio revealed. Describing Iran as "in a position of weakness" because of both military and domestic losses, the radio urged the country to listen to the voice of reason and accept the new plan.

Zhao Ziyang Tour

PRC State Council Premier Zhao Ziyang and the delegation accompanying him met with Moroccan King Hassan II on 28 December in Marrakech, Rabat radio reported. The PRC premier declared that the talks had shown that both countries have identical views on international and bilateral questions, another Rabat report noted. The joint Moroccan-Chinese committee held its final meeting in Rabat on 29 December; both sides expressed satisfaction with the results they achieved in the political, economic, and social fields, the radio added.

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U.S. 'UNDECLARED WAR' AGAINST DRA CRITICIZED

LD291830 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 29 Dec 82

[Text] The April Revolution not only toppled exploiting and oppressive classes from their oppressive power, it evoked the bestial indignation of all imperialist countries and the world reactionary powers against revolutionary Afghanistan. From the very beginning of the revolution, the world imperialists and their collaborators, headed by world-devouring U.S. imperialism, on the one hand, unleashed an undeclared war against the DRA and, on the other hand, started a psychological war against our country through its large, poisonous propaganda machinery.

In all these subversive and interfering actions against our independent, nonaligned, and revolutionary homeland, Afghanistan, which take new shapes and methods from day to day, U.S. imperialism is always in the front.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan recently has revealed that his government will continue the undeclared war against the DRA. The White House boss once again called the mercenaries and counterrevolutioanry bandits -- those national traitors who sold out to imperialism -- Muslim mujahidin and praised and encouraged them by promising to continue to help them. However, it is clear to all that Mr Reagan makes his slanderous cries about defending Islam in Afghanistan at a time when he himself, by arming the Israeli Zionists, is committing unprecedented crimes against the Muslim people of Palestine and other Muslim people in the Middle East.

Mr Reagan criticizes the fraternal and selfless assistance of the Soviet Union to our people, who are facing foreign aggression, and calls it a Soviet invasion, while he himself now has a direct hand in the plundering, criminal wars against the people of Afghanistan, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Chile, Ethiopia, Angola, South Africa, and other emerging peoples. He thus tramples under foot their right to independence and national sovereignty.

In his speech, the boss of the so-called Free World once again repeated his groundless and hollow claims concerning the use of chemical weapons by the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. Despite the fact that these slanderous claims were rejected by authorized authorities and international experts, Mr Reagan still shamelessly tries to throw dust into the eyes of the people of the world and hypocritically tries to hide this clear fact from their eyes.

It is the United States who spreads and expands the production and stockpiling of chemical and bacteriological weapons and puts handgrenades containing chemical substances and other forms of chemical weapons at the disposal of mercenary bands who use them against the innocent people of Afghanistan.

During the dark reign of the Reagan administration, the subversive ideological activities of Washington against the DRA were increased considerably. The volume of the poisonous propaganda from the subversive Voice of America and other U.S. mass media concerning Afghanistan have been greatly increased.

Thus, the U.S. claim to support a political solution to the Afghan question is no more than an artistic deception by the U.S. imperialist monopolist radio. In fact, the irresponsible, hypocritical, and provocative statements by Mr Reagan are the last vain efforts in the scandalous and slanderous propaganda campaign against revolutionary Afghanistan. By making these scandalous statements, the U.S. imperialist foreign policy planners in Washington are trying, on the one hand, to justify their shameless armed interference and subversive activities against revolutionary Afghanistan and, on the other hand, to continue consolidating and strengthening their military bases in the Middle East, the Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean, Southeast Asia, North Africa, West Europe, and Central and South America.

However, Mr Reagan cannot shade truth with his fingers of slander and hypocrisy. Contrary to the groundless and hollow claims of Ronald Reagan, our policy and the humanitarian, progressive, and peaceful programs of the DRA Government not only enjoy the decisive support of all the toiling and Muslim people of Afghanistan, they also enjoy the resolute support and backing of the socialist countries, headed by the Soviet Union, all progressive mankind, and all peace-loving organizations and forces in the world.

The DRA Government, while totally rejecting Ronald Reagan's hollow and groundless claims about Afghanistan, consider it a categorical and shameless interference in its internal affairs and declares that, despite the armed interference and the hue and cry raised by U.S. publicity and its collaborators against our country, the toiling people of Afghanistan are striving without fear and with full confidence on the path that they have chosen and are building a new life in their country.

What can really be said about the hypocritical and deceptive claims of the Reagan administration concerning the so-called solution to the situation in Afghanistan? The DRA Government declares that the true path to solution to the Afghanistan question, as it has been outlined in the DRA Government's proposals of 14 May 1980 and 24 August 1981, can only be achieved through a complete halt to armed interference and the undeclared war against the DRA and respect for the national independence, national sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Afghanistan.

They should know in Washington that the people of Afghanistan will not, under any circumstances, surrender to imperialist pressures. The brazen (?invitations) to the continuation of the unjustified war against the people and Government of Afghanistan are the major obstacles to a peaceful solution to the question of Afghanistan. They cannot succeed in achieving their sinister designs this way.

BBC REPORTS GUERRILLAS HELPED BY SOVIET GUARDS

TA300625 London BBC World Service in English 0600 GMT 30 Dec 82

[Text] Afghan guerrillas are reported to have carried out another attack on an airfield in Afghanistan, the second such attack in the past week or so. According to Western diplomatic sources in Pakistan, the guerrillas were helped to cross a perimeter minefield by Soviet guards at the airfield at Bagram, north of Kabul. The guards were said to be from the predominantly Muslim Republic of Uzbekistan.

Correspondents say that if this is true, it adds weight to guerrilla claims that they have been gaining support from the Muslims in Soviet Central Asia. According to the Western sources, the raids caused considerable damage to aircraft and buildings.

REBEL LEADER CITED ON 22 DEC AIRPORT ATTACK

BK281719 Hong Kong AFP in English 1701 GMT 28 Dec 82

[Text] Islamabad, Dec. 28 (AFP) -- The commander of the Afghan resistance in the eastern Province of Ningarhar today claimed that his men successfully destroyed 10 Soviet helicopters and caused widespread damage to installations at Jalalabad Airport in a "spectacular attack" early last Wednesday.

Two days ago, several rebel sources said a group of 50 mujahedeen armed with rocket launchers and mortars raided the airport on the night of December 22 to 23 and caused heavy damage.

Various sources had reported then that three helicopters and four tanks were destroyed, but 60-year-old rebel leader Mawlawi Yunis Khalis said today that beside 10 helicopters, his guerrillas destroyed a radar station, observation towers and other installations.

Meanwhile, according to the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) news agency, the new estimates came from a mujahedeen source in the Afghan Army. The informant, who reportedly works at Jalalabad Airport, was quoted as telling AIP that a group of rebels took a security cordon by surprise, "creating panic" among the soldiers. Over 100 government troops and airport guards were killed or wounded in the operation which, according to rebel sources, was planned for the eve of the third anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

The attack on Jalalabad was so fierce that the airport would have fallen to the rebels "had the operation continued for another 15 minutes," the rebel news service said, quoting the eyewitness. It was not possible to obtain independent confirmation of the rebel claims.

Meanwhile, Soviet forces last week diverted a 300-vehicle convoy from Jalalabad to the fighting area in the Konar Valley, a vast part of which is reportedly in rebel hands. The fresh Soviet troops were seen leaving Jalalabad for Asmar via Surkhrud, the scene of major clashes last week.

PAPER SAYS MUJAHIDIN HAVE ANTIAIRCRAFT GUNS

GF280951 Karachi JASARAT in Urdu 23 Dec 82 p 1

[Correspondent's report]

[Text] Rawalpindi, 22 Dec -- Diplomatic sources in Islamabad have confirmed that the Afghan mujahidin guerrillas now have antiaircraft guns and antitank weapons to use in their freedom fight against the Soviet aggressors.

According to these sources, the mujahidin in the Hazaras region of central Afghanistan have already received such weapons and, in the light of this, the claim of the region's mujahidin that they have been shooting down Soviet gunship helicopters and Soviet aircraft must be true. According to these sources, the Soviet gunship helicopters are no longer formidable for the mujahidin. According to them, the mujahidin now control 24 of the 26 districts in the Hazaras region. Only Bamian and Chaghcharan Districts are outside mujahidin control. The Hazaras region is inhabited by Shi'ite Muslims who are somewhat influenced by the Iranian revolution. They have set up an administration in the 24 districts they control and collect taxes like any other administration. These taxes are given to the mujahidin. These people also have set up a shura assembly which regularly holds sessions. The resistance movement in the Hazaras region is headed by one Jaglan.

MUSLIM LEADERS CALL FOR END TO BLOODSHED

LD270848 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 26 Dec 82

[Message from the Department of Islamic Affairs, the Supreme Council of the Ulema, and religious leaders on the occasion of the birthday of the prophet Muhammad -- read by Mawlawi 'Abdol Wali Hojat, head of the Islamic Affairs Department]

[Excerpts] [Begin recording] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. Muslim and brother compatriots: the working Muslims of the world are celebrating the auspicious birthday of the great messenger of Islam, Hazrat-e Muhammad, peace by upon him and his family.

Our Muslim and working people are making preparations to gloriously celebrate this auspicious day. We leaders of the Department of Islamic Affairs and of the Supreme Council of the Ulema and the religious leaders of the DRA commemorate this day and pray to Almighty God to keep all Muslims in His care.

You the workers of our free homeland, Afghanistan, are well aware that the national democratic April Revolution was brought to victory in accordance with the will of the God of universe and the demands of our people. It was brought to victory so the fruits of the labors of the people will belong to the people; so that they will live under new and prosperous circumstances and perform their religious rites and prayers in an atmosphere of freedom, so that the homeland will be transformed from the conditions of shameful backwardness into a prosperous country that can take its place in the ranks of the world's developed nations. And you, working Muslims, now have such a developed country.

The DRA, after the victory of the April Revolution, has taken and is taking frim steps on this great path. However, workers of our country cannot yet enjoy the full benefits of the revolution. Why? Because the enemies of our faith and homeland -- the British, the Americans, and the Chinese -- have deceived a number of our compatriots and, to establish their oppressive rule, armed them and infiltrated them to carry on a fratricidal war aimed against Muslims in our country. These deceived people don't allow humanitarian and lofty aims of the April Revolution to be put fully into practice. They do not allow people to benefit from the fruits of the revolution. Although these deceived people claim to be engaged in a holy war, what is it that they really do? We, the ulema and religious leaders of the country, ask you, Muslim compatriots, this question. They set fire to schools -- the learning institutions of your children; they destroy mosques -- the places of prayers, the house of God; they kill innocent people, the old, women and children; they destroy your bridges, roads, and highways and prevent you from living in peace.

Muslim brothers and faithful compatriots, such acts of the enemies of the April Revolution are not Islamic but are anti-Islamic. Their war is not a holy war, it is robbery, plunder, and the killing of Muslims. We the ulema and religious leaders of the country warn you about this path of sin. True Islam is not to be found among the British, American and Chinese satans. It exists here in your country, in your own homes. No action by the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan could be against the sacred religion of Islam. Islam is alive, thanks to Almighty God, in the homeland of your fathers and forefathers. Mosques, other places of worhsip, are open to all. The Muslims in our country perform their religious rites without any restriction and obstacles.

You Muslim and faithful compatriots, think sincerely about your homeland, your people, and your faith. Think about those deceived compatriots who have been ensnared in the traps of the enemies of Islam -- the British, the Americans, and the Chinese. We, as true Muslims, must think about our compatriots and the destructions of the homeland; we must guide these decieved ones away from the path of sin. All those who have been deceived should know that every bullet they fire sheds the blood of one of their compatriots, their Muslim brothers. Almighty God will not pardon their acts and they should fear the fire of hell which awaits them because of their sins.

How long is the fratricidal war of Muslim brothers going to last? And how long will they continue to prepare the ground for the British, American and Chinese hegemonists and their satanical servants?

We the ulema and religious leaders on the eve of this auspicious day once again call on them to end this fratricidal war! Enough of the bloodshed! Come and return to your homeland, to your homes. True Islam and religious leaders are to be found in your homeland. There is no danger to your faith and traditions in the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. There will never be any danger to you. The national democratic April Revolution has been brought to victory solely for your prosperity. God be with you. Amen. [end recording]

LEADERS SEND TELEGRAMS TO BULGARIAN COUNTERPARTS

LD230808 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0418 GMT 23 Dec 82

[Text] Kabul, Dec 22, BAKHTAR -- Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, has sent a congratulatory telegram to Sofia addressed to Todor Zhivkov, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Bulgaria and president of the State Council of the People's Republic of Bulgaria [PRB], on the occasion of the first anniversary of the signing of the treaty of friendship and cooperation between the DRA and PRB.

The telegram says that the treaty of friendship and cooperation between the two countries based on common objectives of both the countries for the consolidation, deepening, and development of unshakeable friendly ties and all-sided cooperation between the DRA and PRB plays a significant and constructive role in bringing closer the peoples of both countries.

The telegram adds that the friendly and fraternal relations between the peoples, parties and the governments of the two countries which have historical roots have been promoted to a new qualitative level based on a new type of fraternal and proletarian internationalism with the victory of April Revolution especially after its new evolutionary phase and after the signing of the treaty of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Karmal has wished for the further successes and the personal health of Todor Zhivkov and prosperity of the fraternal people of Bulgaria.

Sultan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the Politburo of the PDPA CC and chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA, has also sent a telegram to Sofia addressed to Grisha Filipov, chairman of the Council of Ministers of PRB, on the same occasion.

The telegram says that the treaty of friendship and cooperation between the two countries which is a bright manifestation of the fraternal relations and solidarity between the peoples of the two countries has provided extensive possibilities for the strengthening and expansion of the economic, social and commercial interests and the fraternal cooperations between the two countries.

The telegram expresses confidence that the development and further deepening of these ties fully accord with the fundamental interests of the two countries and play a significant role in the consolidation of peace and security all over the world.

Shah Mohammed Dost has also congratulated Peter Miladenov, minister of foreign affairs of PRB, on the same occasion.

INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION ARRIVES 24 DEC

LD242128 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 24 Dec 82

[Text] A high-ranking Indian parliamentary delegation arrived in Kabul this morning on an official and friendly visit at the invitation of the DRA Revolutionary Council.

The delegation was welcomed at Kabul International Airport by Sayyed Amir Zarra, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee and member of the Revolutionary Council; the deputy high jirgah of the nationalities and tribes; the deputy head of protocol; the deputy head of the first political section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and the Indian ambassador in Kabul.

The high-ranking Indian parliamentary delegation today met Sayyed Amir Zarra and the deputy high jirgah of the nationalities and tribes at the Ariana Hotel. During this meeting, at which the Indian ambassador also was present, topics of mutual interest were discussed.

NUR AHMAD NUR MEETS WITH SOVIET YOUTH OFFICIAL

LD290702 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 28 Dec 82

[Text] Nur Ahmad Nur, member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, this morning met with D.N. Filippov, secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet Komsomol, and his accompanying delegation.

At this meeting, which was attended by Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, and Borhan Ghiasi, member of the PDPA Central Committee and first secretary of the Central Committee of the Democratic Youth Organization of Afghanistan, discussions were held on the expansion of cooperation and strengthening of relations between Afghan and Soviet youths.

According to another report, Borhan Ghiasi today in his office met with D.N. Filippov and his accompanying delegation and held talks on topics of mutual interest.

ZIRAY ATTENDS COMMEMORATION OF USSR ANNIVERSARY

LD300633 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0442 GMT 30 Dec 82

[Text] Kabul, Dec. 29, BAKHTAR -- Great meetings and functions continue to be held by various social and state organizations in Afghanistan to mark the 60th anniversary of the formation of the USSR.

In a gala meeting held in the headquarters of the Central Council of the National Fatherland Front here today Saleh Mohammad Ziray, member of Politburo and secretary of the PDPA CC, spoke on the valuable role of the great land of the Soviets in the consolidation of world peace and its aids to the developing countries. He also recalled with gratitude the fraternal aid of the Soviet Union to Afghanistan during long consecutive years especially after the April Revolution and its new and evolutionary phase.

The occasion was also marked in various social organizations and government departments in many provinces.

In Moscow the 60th anniversary of the formation of USSR was marked by the Embassy of the DRA in the Soviet Union yesterday evening at which Afghan students in Moscow and many Soviet professors participated.

'SOURCES' SAY PRC TALKS TO RESUME 28 JAN

BK241122 Hong Kong AFP in English 1056 GMT 24 Dec 82

[Excerpt] New Delhi, Dec 24 (AFP) -- India and China will begin a third round of official-level border talks in Beijing January 28, the Press Trust of India reported here today.

PTI quoted unidentified sources as saying the Indian delegation would be headed by K.S. Bajpai, secretary in the External Affairs Ministry. It said the composition of the rest of the delegation and the duration of the talks had yet to be finalised.

The last round of border talks, held here in May this year, ended with differences on all aspects of the border issue, seen here as "central" to Sino-Indian relations ever since the two giant Asian countries fought a brief but bloody border war in 1962.

TRADE PROTOCOL FOR 1983 SIGNED WITH USSR

BK240913 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 24 Dec 82

[Text] The Indo-USSR trade protocol for 1983 was signed in New Delhi today. The protocol envisages a growth of 11.2 percent in the annual trade turnover between the two countries. Exports from India are expected to be of the order of 18.8 billion rupees while imports from the Soviet Union are likely to be over 17.4 billion rupees during the year.

India will export agricultural products, textiles, engineering goods, leather and leather goods, minerals and ores and chemicals and allied products to the Soviet Union.

The Indian team to the week-long negotiation was led by Commerce Secretary Abid Hussain and the Soviet side by Deputy Minister for Foreign Trade I.G. Grishin.

Speaking after the signing ceremony, Grishin said that the USSR will export to India more machines, raw materials, and other items. He expected more dynamic growth of the general trade turnover and, in particular, imports from India.

Grishin said additional opportunities will be created by further widening of economic cooperation between the two countries.

SRI LANKA

REFERENDUM APPROVES EXTENSION OF PARLIAMENT

BK231133 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 23 Dec 82

[Text] The Sri Lanka voters participating in the first ever referendum yesterday decisively endorsed the extension of the term of the present parliament by a further 6 years under the fourth amendment of the constitution. Fifteen districts voted in favor of the proposal while seven districts voted against. The voting altered the customary pattern in the elections held since independence when no government in power has returned to office to serve an unbroked second term. Two months ago the presidential candidate from the ruling party was reelected as the executive president with an overwhelming majority. The referendum which followed also favored the government.

The total number polled (?from the land) approving the extension of the present parliament is 3,141,223; votes polled against are 2,605,983. This gives a clear majority endorsing the proposal for the extension of the life of the present parliament. The total number polled is 5,768,662.

The districts of Colombo, Gampaha, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara-Eliya, Matara, Digamadulla, Puttalam, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Badulla, Moneragala, Ratnapura, Kegalle and Kurunegala voted for the proposal. Several of these districts voted decisively in favor. The best figures were recorded in the districts in the hill country. The districts that voted against the proposal are: Kalutara, Galle, Jaffna, Hambantota, Wanni, Batticoloa and Tricomalee.

PARLIAMENT APPROVES PRESIDENT'S EMERGENCY MOVE

BK251143 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 25 Dec 82

[Text] Prime Minister R. Premadasa yesterday sought parliament's approval for the proclamation of emergency regulations islandwide by the president on 19 December under the Public Security Act. Speaking on the occasion, the prime minister felicitated the people for the manner in which they voted during the referendum. The extension of the state of emergency under the public security ordinance was approved by a majority of 130 votes.

Winding up the debate Premadasa pledged that democracy and universal adult franchise will be safeguarded in the country. At the referendum, 54.7 percent of the voters had accepted the proposal to extend the term of office of the present parliament. The party system is necessary to maintain democracy. But we should all unitedly help in the country's development. People in this country expect peace, development, and prosperity.

The prime minister urged the Tamil United Liberation Front members to help maintain peace in the country. He said that the president has sought unity with the opposition even in victory. There are more employment opportunities in the country and environment has been created for everyone for constructing his own house.

The prime minister called for measures to develop the country within the next 6 years [words indistinct].

MINISTRY SPOKESMAN CONDEMNS LEBANON NEGOTIATIONS

LD292236 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 29 Dec 82

[Text] Commenting on the talks relating to the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, a Foreign Ministry spokesman told our correspondents:

Following months of massacre, plunder and aggression by the Zionist forces, the occupying regime of Al-Quds and the Lebanese Government finally have started their negotiations. He said: The presence of Zionist forces in Lebanon and the continuation of chaos and tension resulting from that presence seriously threaten the region's security, and are designed for the realization of Zionism's expansionist dreams. He said: We condemn those efforts and view them as a step toward promotion of the Camp David agreement.

So far, the occupying regime of Al-Quds has resorted to the creation of clashes and tension to justify the presence of its forces in the occupied Lebanese regions. And the great satan, America, also on the pretext of establishing peace and maintaining Lebanon's security, is trying to impose its presence on the deprived and Muslim people of that country, just as it has done in the Sinai.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry spokesman, in connection with the withdrawal of Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon, pointed out: The presence of brother Syrians and Palestinians in Lebanon cannot compare with the presence of the Zionists and are only aimed at supporting the Palestine aspiration and the defense of the deprived people of Lebanon against the criminal Zionists' savage aggression. In our view, the Zionist regime, as it has shown in the past, will never give up its designs and will continue with the occupation of Lebanon despite withdrawal of all other forces.

Commentary on Talks

GF281920 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1815 GMT 28 Dec 82

[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] Three parties met today to slay Lebanon: Israel, the United States and the Phalangist Party. Israel wants Lebanon to become a devoted friend of Zionism and its norther gate of peace and tranquillity. As for the United States, it wants Lebanon to become a bridge for the Arab leaders to cross to Israel. It had been the bridge used by the victorious Palestinian Revolution to cross to its real arena inside the occupied territory. The Phalangist Party, which sided with Israel -- indeed Israel was on its side, supplying it with money and arms during the past 7 years -- wants to pay Israel back.

These three met today so that each will pay the other what it wants. Lebanon will be the scapegoat. It will be the table divided by the three parties. Everyone is waiting to see what the United States, Israel, and the Phalangists will do. Everyone is waiting for the moment to execute Lebanon so that he can begin his role.

All are waiting for the decisive moment that will end the current talks among Israel, the Phalangist Party and the United States. King Husayn, for example, is watching events and developments and is pinning all his hopes on the current talks. He is one of those who are waiting for the execution of Lebanon to begin the role assigned to him.

The strangest thing reported by news agencies yesterday was the approval of the ruling regime in Baghdad of Jordan's entry into the capitulation negotiations similar to those of Camp David. It seems that the king of Jordan was in need of this approval by his partner in the conspiracy, Saddam Husayn. It also seems that without this approval, the shah of Jordan could not accept the principle of reaching an agreement with Israel because of the natural relationship between the two and the overlapping roles they are playing in the Islamic region.

Saddam's connection with Camp David is clear. It is he who paved the way for this agreement; he is also the godfather of the agreement concluded between Israel and As-Sadat when he, by declaring the war against the Islamic revolution in Iran, blotted out the negative impact of Camp David on world public opinion. The war has been going on to prepare the way for the second and third agreements that will involve all reactionary parties in the Islamic region.

The Camp David group decided to accelerate recognition of Israel; it decided to put an end to the conflict with Israel and to demolish what all Palestinian generations built through their blood and souls. It has been decided that they would invest Israel in the region and place on its head a crown decorated with the skulls of the children of Sabra and Shatila. They decided to take the sword from the Palestinian people's hand after they filled the hands of some leaders with dollars. They decided to take off the clothes of nationalism, pan-Arabism, and Islam to put on Israeli clothes. This is the ruler's decision.

As for the decision of Muslim peoples, we will hear it from the Palestinian people in the occupied territory who are still chanting "God is great." We will hear this decision through the sound of the bullets on every inch of Lebanon, which is still rejecting the decision of rulers and all Israeli-U.S. decisions.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 1,167

LD291738 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 29 Dec 82

[Communique No 1,167 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. A number of Saddamist dupes last night attempted to infiltrate one of our combatants' defensive positions in a Moharram operational sector. However, their move was halted by the triumphant combatants of Islam with complete alertness and timely fire. The result was losses and casualties inflicted on enemy forces while enemy patrol elements were forced to retreat.

Sporadic fighting and exchanges of fire continued on the southern front during the past 24 hours. The combatants of Islam, continuing their defensive operations, brought enemy units and positions under constant heavy artillery fire, inflicting losses on the Iraqi forces and halting enemy movements and operations.

On the Abadan front, the valiant Gendarmerie returned the Saddamist forces' fire. Bringing enemy positions and bunkers under their fire, they destroyed light and heavy weapons emplacements, killing or injuring a number of Iraqi personnel.

On the western fronts, fighting continued during the past 24 hours in the form of exchanges of fire, these being more intense on the Sar-e Pol-e Zahab front. Enemy losses on this front included two vehicles.

In the Marivan region, the army combatants brought enemy positions in the vicinity of Panjwin under their fire, halting the Saddamist forces' movements and operations and inflicting blows on them.

During operations carried out by the valiant Kurdish tribesmen across the border, the combatants of Islam in a few hit-and-run operations inflicted the following losses and casualties on the Saddamist forces: destruction of 4 trucks and 1 command jeep; destruction of 1 106-mm fieldgun and 1 tanker; 50 deaths; and injuries to around 30 Iraqi Zionists.

The selfless combatants of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the air defense units repulsed all Iraqi violations of the country's southern and western frontier airspace during the past 24 hours.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

IRNA REPORTS IRAQI 'STRONGHOLDS' STORMED

LD291132 Tehran IRNA in English 0945 GMT 29 Dec 82

[Text] Bakhtaran, Dec. 28, IRNA -- Nineteen Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded by the superior firepower of the Islamic combatants during the battle operations between the two sides in the western fronts over the past 24 hours.

In the western fronts of Nowsud, Qasr-e Shirin, Ichogha Hammam, and Muslim ibn 'Aqil theatre the Iranian defenders stormed the enemy strongholds and logistical routes smashing one Iraqi mortar launcher, two vehicles and one lookout post at the same time.

OVER 30 IRAQIS KILLED IN MEYMAK FRONT OPERATIONS

LD300016 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 29 Dec 82

[Text] According to IRNA, as a result of heavy artillery fire by the powerful Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran on enemy battery positions on the Meymak front, more than 30 Iraqi Ba'thist-Zionist troops were killed and 80 percent of the enemy 152-mm battery was destroyed. As a result of this operation, which was carried out with the close observation of the selfless guards, five 155-mm fieldguns and several enemy bunkers and foxholes also were destroyed and 20 percent damage was caused to enemy 130-mm and 105-mm batteries.

GUARDS COMMANDER VIEWS SECURITY SITUATION, WAR

GF291254 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 29 Dec 82

[Excerpts] Mohsen Reza'i, commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, while talking to our correspondent, spoke of the work of the revolution guards in clashes with the counterrevolutionary and war-waging minigroups and about the future of the war.

[Begin recording] [Question] Please comment on security in Kordestan and throughout the country with regard to the recent decree of the imam and the clashes with these counterrevolutionary, war-waging minigroups.

[Answer] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. I praise the provider of the imam of the nation, the martyr-nurturing nation, and all Muslims of the world, and with greetings on the occasion of the unity week of the Muslims, which would, if God wills, be a rallying point for all the Muslims against America and Zionism.

With regard to the question of security during the past month, the Revolution Guards Corps, in the operations named after Martyr Atatollah Ashrafi Esfahani, carried out actions against certain groups of counterrevolutionaries. These operations were directed against such groups as the hypocrites, Toofan, Komeleh and Sahand.

I might as well mention that these operations against the hypocrites started 1 week ago throughout the country and, so far, (?good results) have been achieved and in accordance with the strategic plan that they adopted to leave Tehran and go to other towns or Kordestan or abroad. So far, the blow has been very effective. After the completion of these operations, we will report the results to the public. Other operations were carried out against the Toofan group in several important cities where it had bases. [Words indistinct] and we will inform the public of the statistics later.

Regarding the Komeleh and Sahand, the majority of them have been either arrested or annihilated. Komeleh was a group that established ties with the Ba'thist regime in the winter of 1981 and asked for arms and money. It received 100 million tumans, some (?TOW) missiles and other arms that clearly are outlined in the documents we have captured. Later on, Saddam sent them his special envoy stating that these arms will be sent to them (?in stages). A large amount of these arms and ammunition has fallen into the hands of the fighters of Islam. The operations against Komeleh were carried out in Tehran, Sanandaj, and other cities.

The other group is called Sahand, formed by a number of Iranian students in England under the direction of an individual named (David Yati), a university lecturer and Zionist, who came to Iran after training and started [word indistinct] at the start of the revolution. This group had some organization in Tehran, the north and other places and wanted to [word indistinct] and unite with Komeleh and gather the other defeated leftist forces together and start a movement against the revolution. Around 70 percent of its cadre and facilities and the shops they had bought in Tehran and other cities, their property, cars, and a quantity of arms, ammunition, TNT and several large trucks -- which they intended to fill with explosives -- have fallen into the hands of the fighters. We will inform the nation of the results in a comprehensive report.

As far as Kordestan is concerned, the Hamzeh garrison continues preparing for operations. Contrary to the claims by the Democrat radio, which had told the people of our Kordestan the garrison has been defeated, the garrison, which is currently preparing to form its various units, shortly will enter the theater and, God willing, will completely purge all of Kordestan.

As far as the decree by the imam of the nation dealing with the rights of the nation, whether moral, material, or otherwise, two dimensions have been looked at by the imam of the nation. One is in connection with the fight against the groups where no procrastination is allowed and all the nation and organizations must continue their fight against the counterrevolution with all their might. On the other hand, he ordered us to be careful to respect people's honor and not to enter any house suspected to be a communal house, which may cause financial damage or hurt honor. This must be according to shari'a decrees and with the order of the revolution court. God willing, this will be a decree by which we can eliminate the issue of counterrevolution faster and in a more exact fashion.

[Question] What steps have been taken for the final move in the war with the infidels and what is your answer to Saddam's missile attack against the heroic city of Dezful?

[Answer] Following the immense welcome of the people for the fronts, the capabilities of the fighters of Islam is at a very good level in order to reply in the war and to these barbaric attacks they recently made. God willing, they will be done one after the other. [as heard] As our nation knows, following the Ramadan operations, when we carried out operations in all the fronts, having achieved our political and military objectives, we are now preparing for a strong and decisive confrontation with the forces of Saddam in the near future. [end recording]

HEADQUARTERS ENFORCING IMAM'S DECREE MEETS

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[Text] The central headquarters in charge of enforcing the decree of the imam of the nation held a session last night with the participation of the president of the Supreme Court and the prime minister. After investigating the reports it had received, the following decisions were made.

1. Due to certain reports received concerning misconduct and inhumane and un-Islamic behavior at Tehran Airport, the headquarters set up a commission on the airport premises to investigate these issues. The commission has started its work and investigations.

2. After investigating the reports and the file of Mr (Satvati), acting Islamic revolution prosecutor of Tabriz, he was dismissed from the post of prosecutor for making illegitimate use of the respected position of prosecutor.

3. In some provinces and towns, a quantity of movable or immovable property was put at the disposal of the foundation of the oppressed after they had been seized or confiscated. After investigating the files, shari'a judges issued orders for returning those properties, cancelling the confiscation. However, some branches of the foundation proscrastinated in the implementation of these decrees and refrained from returning those properties. Therefore, the headquarters hereby announces that from today, Wednesday, 29 December, all branches of the foundation are dutybound to implement the decrees issued by the shari'a judges within 3 days. They should report the results of their action to the central headquarters. Otherwise, they will be considered guilty.

MUSAVI MEETS WITH GDR MINISTER 22 DECEMBER

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[Text] Tehran, Dec. 23, IRNA -- The chemical industries minister of the German Democratic Republic, Guenther Wyschofsky, currently visiting here, said his government was precisely following Iran's political and anti-imperialist stance and highly valued Iranians' resistance.

The GDR minister, in a meeting with Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi Wednesday afternoon, said that in the same manner that Iran was being affected as a result of an economic siege by imperialism, his country was also faced with U.S.-made MX missiles in Western Europe.

In reply Musavi stressed that the presence of U.S. fleet in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf was a plot against the Islamic revolution launched with the collaboration of reactionary states and lackeys of imperialism.

The Islamic revolution, he noted, due to keep common cultural roots among the regional states enjoyed a higher stance saying that hostility of Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and other regional reactionary regimes was a clear indication for their subserviency to the U.S. [sentence as received]

Musavi described the Soviet Union allegations on its fight against imperialism as "surprising" adding that at a time when Iraq was being supported by pro-U.S. regimes, still the USSR was sending arms to it. Military experts believe that missiles used in the recent Iraqi raid to Dezful, martyring a great number of innocent people, were manufactured in the Soviet Union, the prime minister said.

The Iranian nation, Musavi stressed, was prepared to the extent that it could overcome all these problems.

During the meeting, also attended by GDR ambassador to Iran Wolfgang Konschel, Iranian Minister of Industries Mostafa Hashemi and a number of economic officials, Wyschofsky presented a message from the GDR prime minister to his Iranian counterpart.

Wyschofsky on Visit Results

LD240038 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 Dec 82

[Text] Following the signing of a protocol on economic issues between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the GDR, GDR Chemical Industry Minister Guenther Wyschofsky said in an interview with our correspondent: Through cooperation in the fields emphasized in the protocol, we can achieve good results because we have common issues. He added: Our nations have fought against warmongers for independence and peace. Therefore, all our forces can be used to strengthen the solidarity and relations between the two countries.

Referring to the visits by the German delegation to several factories in our country, the GDR chemical industry minister said: In your workshops, we noticed how workers confront technical and economic difficulties and carry out their duties.

Regarding the protocol signed between the two countries, he said: This agreement goes beyond the draft signed in the middle of 1982 in Berlin and it foresees cooperation in the fields of [word indistinct] industries, agriculture, chemical industries and building the required center and in other economic fields.

At the conclusion of this interview, the GDR chemical industry minister, declaring his country's readiness to put this protocal into practice, hoped that in the future the two countries would cooperate more closely in commercial fields and in the export of technology to Iran. He also hoped that the two countries' relations would further expand.

NEW 1983 TRADE AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED WITH GDR

LD261144 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 26 Dec 82

[Text] According to an IRNA report, the foreign trade under secretary of the Commerce Ministry was interviewed regarding the abrogation of the barter agreement between the Islamic Republic of Iran and East Germany, he said: Following the East German delegation's visit to Iran, which took place last week, the officials of the Industry, Commerce, and Oil Ministries and of the Central Bank of Iran, presented both the positive and negative aspects of the present barter agreement between the two countries. The German delegation agreed to sign a new agreement to increase trade. On 1 February 1983, the barter agreement between Iran and East Germany will be abrogated and a special account for commercial exchanges and the services between the two countries will be opened.

Regarding the extent of the two countries' trade, he said: Before the revolution, the extent of trade between the two countries was very low. However, it is predicted that in the forthcoming year the Islamic Republic of Iran will export to East Germany goods valued at approximately $270 million. Of this amount, $56 million will be for nonoil exports; we will import goods from that country to the same value. Iran's imported commodities from East Germany will consist of basic materials and spare parts for industrial machinery. Commodities exported by Iran to that country will consist of agricultural produce, particularly dried fruit, ores, industrial products such as cranes for construction sties, buses, minibuses, springs, motorcycles, bicycles, clothing and shoes.

NVOI CRITICIZES MEDIA OVER AFGHAN COVERAGE

TA281624 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 27 December in a commentary entitled: "In the Islamic Republic News Should Be Reported Honestly to the People" says: Several days ago, it was announced that 4,000 deceived Afghan families returned to their homes in Helmand province. This was reported throughout the world.

However, amazingly, the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic, which disseminates various reports fabricated by news imperialism about Afghanistan and also the demonstrations of a handful of deceived Afghans and a group of Afghan counterrevolutionary mercenaries affiliated with CIA-fabricated organizations, kept silent in this respect. It did not want to reveal the truth to our homeland's people who want to hear the facts. Imam Khomeyni has said that in the Islamic Republic news should be reported honestly to the people.

Unfortunately, contrary to our expectation and hope, most realities are not only concealed from the people, but certain elements in the radio and television organization strive to distort the events, to falsify facts, and to slander our homeland's true friends on the international scene. The approach of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic and of some licensed newspapers toward Afghanistan, which sincerely supports revolutionary Iran and which is the natural ally of our homeland in the struggle against imperialism, confirms this claim. For example, all are aware of the Islamic Republic's proposal to expel Israel from the United Nations, which received the positive votes of 10 countries besides Iran. The Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic named nine of these countries but kept silent about the tenth, namely, the DRA. Noteworthy is that a number of so-called Islamic governments, such as Turkey and Pakistan, refrained from voting in favor of Iran's proposal. In this connection, too, the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic kept silent.

All these indicate that the appointees of Qotbzadeh and Bani-Sadr still control our homeland's mass media. It is contrary to ethical, human, and Islamic standards that some individuals in our country's propaganda organization pursue an approach that is totally inconsistent with all the principles of the constitution and the imam's line. Let all the blindhearted be aware that democratic Afghanistan can no longer be pushed under the boot of imperialism, headed by America, by any pretext or ploy, including the guise of the Islam of the Saudis and the Ziaul Haqs.

NVOI ASSAILS AFGHAN ANTI-SOVIET DEMONSTRATIONS

TA290625 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 28 Dec 82

[Unattributed commentary: "The New Plots of the Unexposed Qotbzadehs"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: The so-called demonstrations of a group of counterrevolutionary mercenaries and deceived Afghans along with the domestic Sha'ban bimokhs and the hojjats, and the assault on the embassy of our next-door neighbor the Soviet Union, have once again confirmed the bitter fact that a powerful wing in the Islamic leadership has seriously entered the arena to distort the revolution's face and the Islamic Republic of Iran, to isolate it on the international scene, and to implement Brzezinski's guidelines. The continuation of this situation could very likely cause unpleasant consequences for our emancipated homeland.

If we were to use as a basis for judgment the tone and interpretation of the reports disseminated by the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran about the demonstrations of a handful of heroin smugglers and killers, and some articles written by the journalistic Keshmiris in a number of licensed newspapers in this connection, we would certainly come to the conclusion that all the tumult and demonstrations had been planned in accordance with a specific plan, by a specific wing in the Islamic leadership and for the sake of specific aims. Without doubt, the aims of this clamor and provocations, above all, is the very thing that the imam of the nation repeatedly has emphasized, namely, they raise the name of the Soviet Union to negate America.

The aim is the very thing that Brzezinski recommended to the masked Qotbzadehs and to the hojjatis without the hojjat, who still are not few in institutions and government organizations, namely, one must do something so that relations between revolutionary Iran and the Soviet Union would be strained further and further.

The nature of the Afghan counterrevolutionary associations and minigroups who operate under the Islamic guise in our homeland and in Ziaul Haq's Pakistan is so obvious that it is impossible that officials of the Islamic Republic are not aware of it. Many times numerous shari'a judges and officials of our homeland's security affairs announced that the work of the overwhelming majority of these Afghan fugitives is smuggling heroin, opium, and foreign currency, and even establishing contact between the elements of the counterrevolution within the country and abroad. The shari'a judges, particularly in Khorasan, repeatedly have emphasized that in accordance with documents and evidence at hand, so-called Islamic and Afghan organizations have contact with the intelligence and espionage services of the United States and the West.

These same licensed newspapers of our homeland which published in great detail the report of the demonstrations by the heroin smugglers and the domestic Sha'ban bimokhs some time ago also published the interview of Hojjat ol-Eslam Mazari, leader of the Afghan (?Naft) Organization. With regard to the nature of the Afghan fugitive groups, Mr Mazari said in this interview: Of course, deviant groups who use the Islamic feature are not confined to the Sunni followers alone. Among them are both supporters of the West and believers. Today, the most tragic calamities of Afghanistan are due to these same deviant groups. Is this confession not enough for the country's authorities to understand the nature of these gangs dependent on the West?

In this same interview, Mazari said: Those who have received weapons from abroad and are fighting each other were from among the Khans. These groups engage in robbery and the government propagandizes that the Mujahidin are thieves.

Yes, these so-called Islamic mujahidin, gentlemen, not only engage in robbery in Afghanistan, set fire to mosques, schools and hospitals, and behead the imams of the mosques, but their task in our homeland, according to hundreds of reports published in these same newspapers, is robbery, smuggling, violating people's honor, spreading corruption and narcotics. These corrupt elements, under the support of a handful of pseudo-Muslims, ignorant superficials, outwardly CIA-fabricated Islamic associations such as the hojjatis and the unexposed Qotbzadehs, have gained the best safe haven in our country, both for spreading corruption and for implementing America's plan. It is not without reason that the tumult of the Afghan fugitive, counterrevolutionary and smuggling groups together with a handful of domestic Sha'ban bimokhs in Tehran and some of the other towns was disseminated in a favorable and supportive tone by imperialist mass media. Indeed, what a worse disgrace!

One day Colonel (?Bakhtegan), chief of the antidrug department, with regard to the open involvement of the Afghans residing in Iran in the smuggling of heroin and opium, said: These 2 million Afghan refugees, if I were to be very optimistic I must say that 200,000 of these refugees are smugglers who have a very active role in bringing narcotics into Iran.

Yes, it is they who, because of so wide and favorable facilities obtained in our homeland to commit various criminal acts, hold so-called demonstrations under the Islamic guise and the banner of the masked and unexposed Qotbzadehs and the CIA-fabricated hojjatis. In fact, were we to take away from these 2 million Afghans residing in our country the children, the aged, and the women, approximately what would remain is this same number of 200,000 smugglers whose demonstrations allegedly for the defense of Islam are recounted in great detail and with pride by some of the gentlemen.

Of course, one does not expect anything else from a handful of fanatic superficials, pseudo-Muslims and sanctimonious individuals, the hojjatis linked with the U.S. CIA, the masked Qotbzadehs, the journalistic Keshmiris and the local Sha'ban bimokhs. However, what do our homeland's realistic officials, who were aware of this antirevolutionary and anti-Islamic Republic of Iran, of this U.S. plot, say? Is support, even implicit support, for a handful of smugglers and a deceived group whose leaders are in the service of the espionage and intelligence services of America and its allies, who receive money from Saudi Arabia and weapons from America, who are supported by the Carters, the Reagans, the Saudis, the Ziaul Haq's and the Qabuses, not an insult to the revolution and distort the Islamic Republic of Iran's feature?

Doesn't giving a free hand to this counterrevolutionary and fugitive gang mean indirect implementation of Brzezinski's plan and guideline with respect to straining the Islamic Republic of Iran's relations with the northern neighbor, the Soviet Union, and isolating revolutionary Iran in the international arena? And is it appropriate to be harmonious with the painful cry of Mr Ma'adikhah who said: What can I do, I am involved with certain persons who in the name of hezbollah and Islam violate all Islamic regulations? What kind of a mockery have they created in the name of defending Islam? What are these acts created by vulgar people in this country?

'REVOLUTIONARY AFGHANS' ACTIVITIES REPORTED

Kabul Jailbreak

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[Text] Muslim revolutionary Afghans, continuing their vast operations against the joint Soviet occupying and government forces, have announced that, during an operation, they succeeded in freeing 25 Muslim revolutionary Afghans from the Kabul jail.

During this operation, which was carried out on the night of 18 December, the Muslim revolutionaries were able to knock down a wall in the prison and free the prisoners. The statement adds: The ruling regime of Afghanistan has issued a special military circular ordering security forces -- which has been doubled in Kabul -- to detain suspects, to question individuals, and to search houses and vehicles.

Herat Siege

LD291953 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 28 Dec 82

[Text] On the fourth anniversary of the occupation of Afghanistan by the Soviet invading forces, the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries have besieged the City of Herat and are preventing individuals from entering. The Muslim revolutionaries have asked the citizens of Herat to stay indoors, in their houses. The people are awaiting operations by the revolutionaries against the joint Soviet and Afghan Government forces in this region.

USSR REPORTEDLY INTENSIFIES TROOP CONCENTRATION

GF281744 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 28 Dec 82

[Text] Our correspondents have reported that the Soviet Union has intensified its troop movements and concentration on its borders with Iran. These operations were increased during the past month since the intensification of Khomeyni's illness.

The reports indicate that behind-the-scene activities of the traiterous Tudeh Party has recently been expanded in the Islamic Republic and Baku radio has increased its propaganda attacks against the role of the United States in the region and some of the elements in the Tehran government.

Irrespective of recent verbal attacks by the officials of the Tehran regime against the Soviet Union, relations between the two countries remain the same and the Tehran regime continues to expand its relations with the communist government of the USSR.

RADIO IRAN VIEWS HASHEMI-RAFSANJANI'S 'POWER'

GF291750 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 29 Dec 82

[Text] When we look at the position of Mullah Hashemi-Rafsanjani in the government of Ruhollah Khomeyni today and evaluate the great power that he has amassed in 1 1/2 years, we can more easily believe the rumors about Hashemi-Rafsanjani's role in the death of Mohammad Beheshti.

Of course, Hashemi-Rafsanjani's responsibility in the explosion at the Islamic Republican Party cannot yet be evaluated decisively, nor can we deny the allegations against him.

One fact, however, is certain. That is this mullah's continued ascent of power following Beheshti's death, considering the fact that he was relatively unknown up to that time. We can even go as far to say that his power is currently even more effective than Khomeyni himself. This is because, even though Khomeyni enjoys a special status which no one else in the regime enjoys, in action the real power lies in the hands of Mullah Hashemi-Rafsanjani instead of Khomeyni.

A review of Hashemi-Rafsanjani-Khomeyni relations reveals the many aspects of the tricky and deceitful nature of this ambitious mullah. Being aware that he will never be able to stand up to Khomeyni while he is alive and knowing Khomeyni's position, Hashemi-Rafsanjani with great cleverness has been able to carry out all his wishes behind the cloak of false desires of the imam and is like the spider that spins all its web with strength and calculation. He places his own chosen agents in powerful positions around Khomeyni and carries this task out with such skill and meekness that the imam of Jamaran has not for a moment had any doubt.

A look at the positions of power clearly shows that the majority of sensitive posts and effective organizations on which the government relies are either under the exclusive direction of Mullah Hashemi-Rafsanjani or are in his hands indirectly through his agents and appointees. However, the web that Mullah Hashemi-Rafsanjani has spun around Khomeyni and the organs of power are not really for the present. They are insurance for tomorrow. His ambitions are to attain power following the death of Khomeyni since he is well aware that as long as Khomeyni is alive no matter how powerful he become he will still be eclipsed by Khomeyni.

Therefore, what he is after is the total control of the regime after Khomeyni. He has concentrated all his effort today to achieve this goal. It is not without reason that he is doing his utmost to help Montazeri replace Khomeyni. He knows well that the presence of a new element, an idiot like Montazeri, in the role of the leader, or as they say velayat-e faqih, will enable him to capture the leadership whereas if the position of the leader falls in the hands of other crafty mullahs like himeslf then he will have a much bigger problem. This will cause a conflict of interest and create unavoidable clashes.

Under such circumstances, what is surprising is the influence of Hashemi-Rafsanjani on Khomeyni and Khomeyni's unawareness of Hashemi-Rafsanjani's webs and all the other organizations of the regime.

Informed circles believe foreign powers are not worried about the continued increase of Hashemi-Rafsanjani's power but are aiding him in this endeavor since they believe that a concentration of power in the hands of an element with whom they can reach an understanding is far more superior to a government in which power divisions can cause political chaos, dualism, and possibly uncontrollable moves, especially in a country like Iran which has such an important international position from the geographical point of view that the rights of its nation take a second position.

In all cases, what is certain is that the power struggle in the regime has not yet ended and we cannot under any circumstances forecast Hashemi-Rafsanjani as the winner since anything is possible in the chaotic situation in Iran. Experience has shown that those (?better) than Hashemi-Rafsanjani, like Mohammad Beheshti, took all their desires and ambition to the grave with them.